



NORTON CEMETERY BOARD MEETING

DATE: MARCH 14, 2007

TIME: 12:00-2:00

WHERE: COMMUNITY CENTER

PRESENT: LISA MERRICK, DARLENA WISE, AND PHYLLIS
ARKETT

DARLENA WISE IS CONTINUING ON FOR HER SECOND TERM ON OUR BOARD. MICKEY YOUNG HAS DECIDED NOT TO COME BACK FOR HER SEND TERM. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER IN THE FUTURE.

TWO LOTS WERE SOLD IN THE WESTERN STAR CEMETERY ON 1/18/07. MIKE QUINN PURCHASED LOT #88, GRAVE A AND B. HIS MOTHER, EILEEN R. QUINN WAS INTERRED ON 1/19/07 IN GRAVE B.

A TRANSFER OF CREMAINS LOT #62 WAS TRANSACTED ON 1/22/07 WITH THE LOT'S OWNERSHIP GOING FROM PHYLLIS ARKETT TO WILLIAM WETZEL. PHYLLIS ARKETT THEN CHOSE

LOT #60 TO REPLACE THE LOT THAT WAS TRANSFERRED. SHE ALSO PURCHASED CREMAINS LOT #59.

WILLIAM WETZEL PURCHASED THE TRANSFERRED CREMAINS LOT #62, WITH A TRANSFER FEE BEING PAID ALONG WITH THE CURRENT RATE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A CREMAINS LOT. NOT MUCH ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED FOR THE 2006 YEAR. THERE WAS ONE INTERMENT AND ONE FOUNDATION PURCHASED.

LIZ CHESSHIR OF COLUMBUS, OHIO, CONTACTED LISA ON MARCH 5, 2007. LIZ WAS INQUIRING ABOUT FAMILY BURIALS IN THE NORTON AREA. THE NAMES INCLUDED WERE: MEHRLE, SPIELMAN, SPELLMAN AND SPELMAN. LISA RESEARCHED THE NAMES AND WAS ABLE TO FIND THE SPELLMAN NAME LISTED IN THE MONTROSE CEMETERY, AS WELL AS AT THE WESTERN STAR CEMETERY. THE RECORDS OF 36 OTHER CEMETERY LISTINGS SHOWED NONE OF THE NAMES LIZ REQUESTED. THE RESEARCH WAS SENT TO LIZ ON MARCH 6, 2007.

LISA HAS OBTAINED MANY RESEARCH BOOKS ON LOCAL CEMETERIES WITH THEIR BURIAL RECORDS. THESE BOOKS HELP IN ASSISTING PEOPLE TO FIND FAMILY NAMES AND BURIALS.

LISA IS CURRENTLY INTERESTED IN HAVING A LISTING OF THE BURIALS AT WOODLAWN CEMETERY IN WADSWORTH. AFTER HAVING TALKED TO, NANCY, THE SECRETERY AT WOODLAWN, LISA FOUND OUT THAT THE RECORD BOOK IS TOO BIG TO BE COPIED BUT IS AVAILABLE TO BE HAND COPIED. WHAT A CHALLENGE!!!

IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT THIS SPRING MAY SEE SOME OF THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CEMETERIES THAT WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING.

WE ARE HOPING TO SEE NEW FRONT FENCING AT WESTERN STAR AND A NEW GATE, STUMP REMOVAL AND POSSIBLY, ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACE DEVELOPED AS WELL.

ACME ADDED ON A PARKING LOT ON THE WESTERN END OF THEIR PROPERTY, UP AGAINST THE NORTON CEMETERY FENCE. HOPEFULLY, THIS AREA WILL BE KEPT CLEANER THAN IT HAS BEEN IN THE PAST. THE FENCE AGAINST THE PARKING LOT IS ON THE AGENDA TO BE REPAIRED.

WE AS A BOARD LOOK FORWARD TO ANY AND ALL IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR CEMETERIES FOR THE NORTON CITIZEN'S AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITY CITIZEN'S WHO ACCESS THEM.

APRIL 21, 2007 IS NORTON CLEAN UP DAY. WE HAVE PLANNED OUR CEMETERY CLEAN UP DAY TO COINCIDE WITH THIS

DATE. TWINBROOKS GARDEN CLUB HAS BEEN ASKED TO PARTICIPATE WITH US. WE HOPE FOR A GOOD TURN OUT. THE CEMETERIES ARE IN NEED OF A LOT OF SPRUCING UP. WINTER HAS TAKEN ITS TOLL ON THE GROUNDS WITH WIND BLOWN LEAVES, FALLEN LIMBS, WEEDY FLOWER BEDS, GENERAL TRASH, AND TIPPING STONES.

A LETTER WAS RECEIVED AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND PASSED ON TO OUR GROUP. THE LETTER IS FROM THE SUMMIT COUNTY CHAPTER OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY. THEY ARE GATHERING INFORMATION ABOUT THE CURRENT AND PAST CEMETERIES IN OUR COUNTY. THEY ARE PUTTING TOGETHER A WEBSITE AND WOULD LIKE ANY INFORMATION THAT WE CAN PROVIDE ON OUR LOCAL CEMETERIES. THEY ARE LOOKING FOR RECORDS AND ANECDOTAL ACCOUNTS.

WE HAVE A HEADSTONE AT THE LAHR HOUSE IN NEED OF A HOME. WE DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF SETTING IT AT NORTON CENTER CEMETERY ALONGSIDE THE PLAQUE CEMETERY HEADSTONES.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: NOT YET SET

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,


LISA A. MERRICK

**CITY OF NORTON, OHIO
CEMETERY BOARD
ATTENDANCE RECORD**

The following members were present at the Meeting of the Cemetery Board,

Held on: March 14, 2007

Lisa Merrick

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Darlena Wise

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